



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## Desolation of the Earth

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Text: Rev. 18:5-10, "Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities . . . in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, . . . saying, Alas, alas, that great city of Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."

"The merchants of the earth" that have "waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies . . . shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought," Rev. 18:3, 15-17.

Such are the judgments that fall upon Babylon in the day of the visitation of God's wrath. She has filled up the measure of her iniquity; her time has come; she is ripe for destruction.

When the voice of God turns the cap-

tivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were blinded by Satan's deceptions, and they justified their course of sin. The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored, but they had obtained their riches by violation of the law of God. They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures, now they are stripped of all that made them great, and are left destitute, and are defenseless. They look with terror upon the destitution of their idols which they preferred before their Maker. They have sold their souls for earthly riches and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.

The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellowmen, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is, but they do not repent of

their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could. They would see the very class whom they have mocked and derided and desired to exterminate pass unharmed through pestilence, tempest and earthquake. He who is to the transgressor of His law a devouring fire, is to His people a safe pavilion.

The minister who has sacrificed truth to gain the favor of men now discerns the character and influence of his teaching. It is apparent that the omniscient eye was following him as he stood in the dusk, as he walked in the streets, as he mingled with men in the various scenes of life. Every emotion of the soul, every line written, every word uttered, every act that led men to rest in a refuge of falsehood, has been scattering seed; and now, in the wretched, lost souls around him, he beholds the harvest.

Jeremiah 8:11, "They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Ezek. 13:22, "Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life."

Jeremiah 23:1, 2, "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture saith the Lord . . . behold, (Continued on page 14)

## Notices

I make gospel tents, any size or style. All ministers sending in an order for a gospel tent between now and the 15th of February, I will donate to them \$5.00 on their tent. Special prices to ministers.—L. P. Shaw, Box 248, Valdosta, Ga.

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To the ministers and churches of South Dakota and Wyoming: Greetings in His name. We are at present in Sheridan, Wyoming in a revival. We came here about a month ago and now have the Church of God in a nice, clean respectable place and we are looking for a great increase here.

I take this means of informing the ministry and churches of South Dakota and Wyoming of our district convention dates. The Mobridge district convention will convene Feb. 4-6 at Mobridge, Brother Alvin Tompson, district overseer, in charge. To all the good people of Lebanon, Tolstoy, Glad Valley, Coal Spring and Lemmon, S. Dak., we extend an invitation to attend, we are expecting a wonderful time.

The Lemmon district convention will convene in Lemmon, S. Dak. at the close of Bible School, Brother Glyndon Logsdon, district overseer in charge. This will be a gala day for the Church of God in South Dakota. Many prominent speakers will be present, including all the fine Bible School students of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy. Brother Hilemon, superintendent of education, will be present, as well as Brother F. W. Lemons, state overseer of North Dakota.

The Sheridan and Casper district convention of Wyoming will be announced later, and don't forget the great Northwest camp meeting which will convene at Minot, N. Dak., June 30-July 4. This will include North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, and as usual a great feast of good things. We are expecting many able speakers to be present, including our esteemed Brother J. H. Walker. Let us plan now to raise the greatest mission offering ever raised in the Northwest territory. Come churches, we can do it. I ask every church in South Dakota and Wyoming to raise a special mission offering to take to the state camp meeting. And while our minds are thinking of missions, let us not forget the aged ministers' fund. Let each church raise its quota, 10c per member, as these old veterans of the cross deserve our help now. Let us see if this can't all be taken care of by March 1. Watch the Informer

for the churches that go over the top. Let each minister send his one per cent when mailing his report to Headquarters.

The state mission treasurer is Brother Bert Meyer of Mobridge, S. Dak. Send all home mission money to him. I am told that a revival is being planned in several of the churches. Why not one at least in every church in the two states? What we do we must do quickly, as the Christ will soon come to see what use His talents have been put to.

We plan a tour of the churches soon in South Dakota, so be patient and pray for us here in this revival at Sheridan. My address is 505 N. Gould St., Sheridan, Wyo.—Your humble brother in Christ, D. C. Boatwright.

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We are now in a revival at Coffeyville, Kans. with Brother Volk doing the preaching. This revival bids fair to be the best revival the church has ever had here. Twenty have been saved, some sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The building is packed each night and the

### Attention Please

If you have not had a copy of "The Lighted Pathway," the Church of God paper for young people, please send your name and address and we will send sample copy. This paper is a 24-page paper and should be in the hands of all young people.

Reading has a great influence on the lives of young people, and it is the duty of every parent to see that they have good literature in the home. In fact, this paper is good for all ages. Be sure to send for your copy.—S. W. Latimer.

end is not yet. Brother and Sister Volk are just local folks here with us. Brother Volk is a plasterer and bricklayer by trade but I believe God has a greater work for him than that in Kansas this year. Churches in Kansas, you will not make a mistake if you can arrange with Brother Volk for a revival. He plans to do evangelistic work this year. Pray much for this meeting; we believe God is going to do great things in Kansas this year.—J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas.

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I was called home from the state of Pennsylvania on account of the serious illness of my sister. Any one who wishes to get in touch with us may do so at the address given below. — Brother J. L. Hathcock, Rt. 2, Box 47, Concord, N. C.

Our ministers' and laity's convention convened at Carlsbad, N. Mex. Jan. 7. Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, was with us throughout the convention and he surely seemed to be at his best. In fact, every one seemed to be. Brother Lytle was appointed state Sunday School superintendent and Sister Mary Henson was appointed assistant state superintendent of Y. P. E. I am sure they will be a great blessing to these places in our state work. I am insisting that our churches co-operate with them in every way in their work. The convention recommended that each Sunday School and Y. P. E. tithe their respective offerings and use same in their behalf. Also take special offerings for them when they are with you in their work. In corresponding with them, if you don't know their present whereabouts, you may address them at Hobbs, N. Mex., c/o Otha Anderson, Box 1473.—Yours very truly, S. J. Wood, state overseer of New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, Box 1346, Hobbs, N. Mex.

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The Greenville, S. C. district convention will convene at Greer, S. C., Jan. 21-23, 1938. We are looking for a large number from each church on this district, also many others who are not on this district. Come on, pastors, let us make this convention one of the best for God and His Church. We are expecting each pastor to report one hundred per cent on missions, aged ministers' fund, Evangel drive, etc.

We are giving Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00 p. m. to the Y. P. E. and Sunday School program, which will be under the direction of the state and district Sunday School superintendents. Come on, young folks, and make this a glorious time for the Lord. We are depending on you, young boys and girls, to put this program over for God's glory.

Let us have special prayer in each church for the convention. Without prayer the convention will be a failure. —W. D. Childers, pastor.

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To the near-by churches and everywhere: Brother L. G. Rouse will be at the Church of God at Ferris, Tex. on the night of Jan. 26, 1938. The church is located on 5th and Baker Sts. Everybody has a welcome invitation to come and bring all of your sick, crippled, blind, deaf, and dumb. We are expecting great things to be done through the mighty power of God, so don't miss it. He will be here only one night. When you read this, pray that God will have His way and the Father, Son and Holy Ghost will be present. Oh, I feel them right now. Oh g'ory!—A brother in the Church of  
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## Suffering and Faithfulness

R. H. TADLOCK

My aim in this message is to bring out a few thoughts on suffering and faithfulness to the call that we have received. Too many of us fail to trust God when our trials come. Think of what the apostles had to go through. Stephen, one of the seven, when he was defending the word of our Lord in Jerusalem, Acts 7: 51, cried out, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." Stephen, no doubt, knew that he would not receive any favors after he told them what he did, and we find that true for we see them as they straightway gnashed on him with their teeth and stoned him to death, but he used a different method of revenge. Instead of fighting back, he knelt down and prayed for them. How much better it would be for us to do that, today.

We are in the Philadelphian period now. Many Christians have been killed in other countries and no doubt the enemy is working to destroy Christianity, but we are admonished to be faithful unto death and He will give us a crown of life. We cannot look for any favors from the world but we will have to take a stand for the Word of God. Jesus said in John 17:14 that we are not of the world, then if we are not of the world we will have to lay it down and take a stand for the Word of God and the Church that we are serving. We may not get much of this world's goods but if we are faithful unto death we will receive a crown of life.

We hear Peter saying in 1 Peter 4:12, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." The reference here is to the fire by which gold is tested and the word is probably taken from Prov. 27:21. What Peter desires to bring out is not so much the fierceness of the heat and the pain as the refining power of fire. See also Psa. 66:10; Rev. 3:18.

The early Christians, like many later Christians, might have thought that because they had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and were the children of an omnipotent God, who is also a God of love, that they would be exempt from trial, testing, and suffering, and unless such should be their experience they might be tempted to think that they were out of fellowship with God and under His displeasure. But this need not be the conclusion drawn from our sufferings, in fact, it is the one

whom He loves that He chasteneth. The word here translated "chasten" is a word meaning to test or try with the presumption that the testing will prove that which is tested to be genuine. Satan tries us (here a different word is used) that he might prove us unworthy. God tries us to show that we are worthy since we are to be counted worthy. Verse 13 of 1 Peter 4 tells us what to do. "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

If we will read 2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Heb. 1:13; Col. 1:24, we will see there is a difference in which Christ's sufferings are unapproachable. He took the sinner's place alone. We cannot partake of sacrificial and substitutionary suffering, but we may all know something of His other suffering, when He was tempted, when He foresaw the doom of man and wept, when He endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself, Heb. 12:3, when He surrendered Himself to do and suffer the holy will of God. We should be willing to suffer for Him here because He took on Himself the form of man and laid down His life for us, that we might take on the form of Christ. 1 John 3:2 tells us we will be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. There is only one way we can take on His form and that is to do for Him as He did for us. He took on our form to suffer for us and if we expect to see Him, then we must suffer for Him.

There is a crown laid up for all those who suffer for Him and if we suffer we will receive that crown when we get over there, so, dear saints, when you are tempted think it not strange but stand by the Word and the good old Church we are serving and when you have finished your fight you will go to the place prepared for you.

### The Holy Ghost is Still Falling

STEPROCK, Ark.—We came to Mt. Zion on Nov. 19. God was with us on our way from Marked Tree. Brother Smith, our beloved state overseer, assigned us the Mt. Zion Church of God to pastor. Since being here the Lord has blessed our efforts. Bless His name.

I truly praise God for the way He cares for His children everywhere they go in His service. The saints at this place are certainly good to us.

People seem to be more in unity with one another and with God. In December

one was saved and sanctified and six baptized with the Holy Ghost. On Jan. 2 we had conference. The following night the Lord met with us in service, the power fell and people were blessed. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing, after which three fell in the altar seeking the baptism. Our Sunday School is still growing, the attendance is increasing in all the services.

We are one hundred per cent with our aged ministers' fund and missions. We have the penny march going for the orphans and mission fund. The church is preparing a nice box for the orphans which will be sent in soon.

We feel that we are in the Lord's will and desire the prayers of God's children that we will stay where God can use us in His service. We are new in the work and need your prayers.—E. C. Pace, pastor.

### Baltimore, Md. Church Gaining Ground

We are truly thankful to say that we have "gone over the top" in the aged ministers' fund above our quota as to membership. Our people have a real Christlike love for our old soldiers of the cross who have given the best of their lives as a "living sacrifice" for others, and who, we feel, like the great Apostle Paul, can say, "There is a crown of righteousness laid up for me, and for them who love his appearing."

We praise God for the gain of forty-five members since this time last year. God is graciously blessing, crowds have so increased that we have to turn away precious souls on account of limited room. There is a continual revival spirit brooding over the congregation. Even last night the power fell so mightily, drawing souls to the altar that our dear pastor, Brother F. B. Marine, did not even get a chance to preach. This happens from time to time, like old-time, Pentecostal meetings, when the Holy Ghost led the services and not a man spirit. O beloved, we need the programs of the Holy Ghost in all of our services, and if man does get to minister it will be in the real power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, like nearly two thousand years ago when "they were of one heart and one soul." So this is our example for today. Souls are continually getting saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost in the "old-time way."

We are striving to come to the standard on every line. Beloved, let us keep the unity of the Spirit, until we come to the unity of the faith.—Andrew C. Brawner, clerk, 1500 N. Luzerne Ave., Baltimore, Md.



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## ✻ Editorials ✻

### The Jews Reinhabit Their Land

Isa. 11:11, 12, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Patbos, and from Cush, and from Hamath, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

The gathering of the chosen people back to their homeland is the fulfillment of many prophecies. This has attracted world-wide attention. God has given this land for an everlasting possession to the seed of Abraham. Gen. 17: 8. The world has seen great movements. Thousands of people have migrated from one country to the other. But never in the history of nations has there been a move that was so directed of the Lord as the return of the Jews to Palestine. God has set His hand the second time to return His people to the land from which they were driven.

At the crucifixion of Jesus the Jews were, by their own consent, dispossessed of their land. At least their willingness to bring upon themselves the prophesied destruction came about by the stand they took in the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. For many years they remained in their homeland but their destiny was sealed and finally they were driven into every land known to the world.

### THEIR DESTRUCTION PROPHE- SIED

Luke 21:24, "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gen-

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*tiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."*

Here our Lord prophesied that they would be scattered and killed and the land would be trodden down by the Gentiles. Now since they have suffered, God is bringing their seed back to their land and this, of course, is the fulfillment of prophecy. For hundreds of years, in accordance with the words of Jesus, the Jews have been scattered into every nation. The temple has been in the hands of the Turks and the Gentile heathen worshippers have defiled the temple of God. This has been held by the Mohammedans for many centuries. The country became barren. The trees and vegetation disappeared. It was a desolate sight to the passer-by. The once prosperous land, stricken by God, became a land in which no one cared to live.

Ezek. 36:34, "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by."

On Dec. 9, 1917, the British army captured Palestine. The city was taken without the fire of a gun. First, the city was terrified by the roar of planes threatening to destroy it. (Isa. 31:5). Then, the city was surrounded by the English army under the command of General Allenby, and from that time until now the Jews have had the privilege of going back and reinhabiting their land.

Another striking detail about the progress of the Jews' return to Palestine is the prophecy that Jerusalem would overflow its walls. The prophecy even states in detail the direction and extent to which the city would grow outside its walls. The prophecy said, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. And the measuring line shall go out forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and

of the ashes, and the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever (Jer. 31:38-40). The city has already overflowed its walls and is building in the very direction indicated by Jeremiah.

Another fulfillment of prophecy is that the ancient language of the Hebrews is again in use in the land. This was foreseen by the prophet in the following words: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness," Jer. 31:23.

A census made as far back as 1931, when there was a Jewish population of only 175,000 in the land, showed that 165,000 of them were using the Hebrew language as their daily medium of speech!

The prophet Hosea specifically states that the return of the Jews is to take place in the period of time designated in the Bible as the "latter days" or "last days." Several other prophecies are set for fulfillment in the same period of time. Among these is the prophecy of apostasy within the church, the rise of scoffers ridiculing the promise of the Lord to return, and the concentration of money in the hands of a few. All of these predictions for the last days point directly to the second coming of the Lord.

And just so does the return of the Jews point to the soon coming of the Lord, for this, too, is described as coming to pass in the end of time. Hosea said, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a teraphim: afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days" (Hosea 3:4,5).

The land that persecutes and drives the Jews out is sure to suffer defeat. While it is true that God's people are to return to their homeland, God has a way of bringing them back and His way must be submitted to. It makes me shudder when I hear Protestant professors say hard things against the Jews. This is the day for their return and the nation that will be kind and help them will certainly be blessed of God. It seems that the work among the Gentiles is almost complete. The only thing left is the work of the Holy Ghost in completing the making ready of a people for the

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## The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

### The Preacher a Witness

*"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you," Phil. 4:9.*

To reach sinners the gospel message must be given, but this message is not only carried in the written Word, but in the hearts and lives of the messengers who carry it. Notice four things in the text:

1. *The things learned.* A disciple is one who has been taught—a learner. The Philippians were disciples of Christ—through the ministry of Paul. To learn of Christ is more than to merely hear of Him; it is to receive and embrace the teachings given from Him in the gospel.

2. *Things received.* They had received Jesus, having life and peace as a result. Jesus was received through the gospel which Paul had brought to them. For "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

3. *Things heard.* They had heard the truth of the gospel with understanding hearts. They did not let that preaching go in at one ear and out at the other, as has been said; but they heard with interest, with desire, and with acceptance, as all true converts do.

4. *The things which you have "seen in me."* Paul did not only tell men the way of life and salvation, but he showed them how to live the life. He was himself an example to his hearers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity, and laboring; denying himself and even suffering, that he might bring others to Christ.

Now these are the things he exhorts men to "do"—what you have learned, received, heard and seen. The words of the Lord are to be kept and observed, and in this way we "do," or live the Christian life.

### Only Two Classes

There were two classes in the day of Noah's flood, those who were inside the ark, and those who were outside; two in the parable of the gospel net, the good fish and the bad; two in the parable of the ten virgins, the wise and the foolish; two in the account of the throne, the right and the left; two, only two abodes, when the last sentence is passed, only heaven and hell.—*Selected.*

In the depth of the soul may be sweet repose, even when we are in many out-

ward troubles; just as the bottom of the sea is calm, while the surface is strongly agitated.

Were I to attribute but two things to Satan, it would be to cover his own tracks and that no punishment awaits the sinner.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

### Young People's Corner

#### The Christian's Refuge

*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 18:10.*

It is impossible to describe all that God is to His people, even in this world or the world to come.

We may use all the words that describe His love to us and His promises for our good, and in the superlative degree, yet He is still infinitely more than that.

But for the present it is enough for us to know that He is our safe refuge in every time of need, and that He has provided all that we may ever need for any circumstance that we may meet in life.

1. In the text we have chosen, the righteous are described as running into the strong tower. But over and over we have it stated in the Word of God that His people are to abide in Him (John 15:7). They are to dwell in the secret place of the most High (Psa. 91:1). He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God (1 John 4:16). And the Comforter who is the Spirit of God comes in to abide. So we are not to hunt God and fly to Him just when trouble overtakes us, but we should abide in Him at all times, and whatever may be the circumstances overtaking us, they will find us already in our "strong tower" protected and defended from evil.

2. It seems almost incredible that every church member, and every professed Christian could sustain such a relation to God—but it is true, nevertheless, all who will may enjoy all that is promised in His Word for His people. "Every creature," "whosoever will," God calls.

3. The safe refuge is an experience of grace through the love of God. It is to

live in harmony with the will of our blessed heavenly Father; having His full approval on our daily life. It is through obedience, prayer and faith that we may dwell in this secret place of the most High.

It is said that "an effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."

Do you desire to be miserable? Then think about yourself—what you want, what you like, how the people should respect you.

We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it.

Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself.

The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home.

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of God.—*David Livingstone.*

An old black woman in Africa said to the missionary who had come to open a school in which the people would be taught to read, "I want you to teach me to spell Jesus first; please Missus do!"

The teacher said, "Why do you want to spell Jesus first?"

"'Cause if I learn that first, everything else will come easier." She was right; if you put Jesus first everything else will come easier. So many have proven it so.

No one may grow tall enough to rise above criticism.

Some persons who are fluent of speech, have a serious impediment in their thoughts of their heart.

Adjust the Bible to the times, did you say? Nay verily, but adjust the times to the Bible.

Some times men who give money freely had best charge it to advertising expenses.

Wisdom is a name which we are persuaded some men apply to their self-conceit.

How many of the New Year's resolutions were stronger at their birth than they have been since.

Be it remembered that the school of experience has no free scholarships.

Self-denial is more than giving away your worn-out clothes.

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God, G. W. Alford, pastor, Ferris, Tex., Box 124.

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There will be a home coming day at Zion Ridge Church of God, three and one-half miles from Clanton, Ala., Feb. 6. We want all the members of the church to come with well-filled baskets and an offering for the aged ministers' fund. We also invite our state overseer, Brother Whittington, and our district overseer, Brother Gallups, to be with us.—Humbly, Earl Brewer, 105 3rd Ave., Clanton, Ala.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Tennessee: The Sunday School state banner goes to Carson Springs for the month of December. Their increase was 67 1-2 per cent. Lenoir City came second with a 54 per cent gain.

West Knoxville will receive the Y. P. E. state banner with 90 per cent increase. Lenoir City rates second with 33 per cent increase.

Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's, strive hard to increase in attendance and membership. You can win these state banners. Make your reports without fail.—Max L. Atkins, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent of Tennessee.

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I am not pastoring this year and am open for calls in evangelistic work to conduct or help in revivals. We are building a church house. We are few in number and need help from the Lord. Please pray for God to undertake for us. Pray for our daughter who has appendicitis. Continue to pray for Sister Lucy Williams, she is improving. Pray for the work here for we are determined to go over the top for Jesus. Pray for me that I will be used of the Lord.—Yours in the Master's service, Mattie Ball, Rt. 2, Vincent, Ala.

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The church at Maud, Okla. and the state of Oklahoma are buying and furnishing us a home, for which we are very grateful. Therefore, our address will be changed from 911 Summit St., Lawton, Okla. to the address below.

We are now engaged in a revival at Seminole, Okla. and souls are praying through. The power is falling, saints' and sinners' hearts are stirred. Pray for us.—Geo. M. Bloomingdale and wife, state overseer of Oklahoma, Gen. Del., Maud, Okla.

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Mrs. Verna Solomon is not acting as clerk of Red Hill church. At her request a new clerk was appointed. Brother Willie Rogers, Rt. 3, Richton, Miss. is our new clerk.—E. N. Wright, pastor of church, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Anyone wishing a helper to work with them and travel with them this year in the evangelistic work, also play the piano, organ, banjo and tenor guitar, and who is a singer and teacher of music, write to Brother Alfred F. Berardi, 1916 S. 22nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Our radio program, beginning Jan. 23, will be on the air 6:45-8:15 Eastern Standard Time, each Sunday morning. Everybody everywhere, tune in, we feel that we will practically cover the nation.—Your brother in Christ, Earl

## Attention Please, Y. P. E's

Did you know that the Lighted Pathway is now a Church of God owned paper? It is your paper. We want to see every Church of God, wherever you are located, east, west, north, south or in the foreign field, interested in this paper. It is an excellent paper, full of good inspiring reading for your young people. Nothing is needed more than to put good literature in the hands of our boys and girls. Send for a sample copy of this paper and read the testimonies of boys and girls who have been helped and inspired through its pages.

Each year at the Assembly a banner is given to the state making the best record. State Y. P. E. presidents, come on and win this banner!

Here are conditions by which this banner may be won:

1. Greatest increase in membership.
2. Lighted Pathway circulation in proportion to church membership, either subscription or Gideons.
3. Faithfulness in reporting to state superintendent.

Remember the banner will be awarded to the state having the best report on the above points.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Paulk, pastor, Greenville, S. C., 203 Paris Ave.

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The Fitzgerald, Ga. district rally day will be at Bridgeford church on the fifth Sunday in January. All preachers on the Fitzgerald district are requested to be present. Everybody is invited to come and bring dinner and stay all day. The state overseer will be there to preach at 11:00 a. m. Come enjoy the feast.—J. W. Culpepper, district overseer.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Pine Hill, Ala. to Thomasville, Ala.—J. J. Williamson.

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A Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally will be held at Lacoochee, Fla. for the Linden district on the fourth Sunday in January, the 23rd. The Sunday School rally will begin at 10:00 a. m. and continue until 12:00 o'clock. Then we will have dinner on the ground; everybody bring a well-filled basket. From 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. will be the Y. P. E. rally. Brother Byrd, our state S. S. and assistant state Y. P. E. superintendent, will be with us at this time. All Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials at each church on the district are expected to be present. Come expecting a blessing from heaven.—Dan Fussell, district S. S. superintendent; Doyle Franklin, district Y. P. E. superintendent.

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To the Sunday Schools of North Carolina: The state banner goes to the church at Erwin for December with an increase of 121 per cent. Mooresville, N. C. had an increase of 115 per cent. A number of good reports were sent in for the month of December. I have sent report cards to all the clerks of the churches in North Carolina. Pastors, see that your report is sent to me before the 10th of each month. Let us all pray for the Sunday Schools that God will bless.—A. V. Childers, state Sunday School superintendent of the Church of God in North Carolina, 315 Church St., Belmont, N. C.

## Praise God for Redeeming Grace

I praise the Lord this evening for His great healing power and for redeeming grace that has reached me. I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby's mouth I would testify of it. The baby's mouth was full of sores and it seemed that nothing did it any good, so husband and I prayed for her and tonight she is a well baby. I give Jesus Christ the Son of the living God the praise for it all.

Every one who knows the worth of prayer pray earnestly that we will have more faith to trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies. It's my heart's desire to fully trust Him.—Your sister in Christ, Effie Mason, Red Bay, Ala., Route 2.

## EDITORIALS

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rapture, and it behooves us to let God lead us, and commit ourselves entirely into His hands. Should we fail to wholly follow the Lord, we surely will be left out.



## Bible School Echoes

### Preparing for a Life of Service

I feel that in these last evil days the Christian workers are more in need of a thorough knowledge of the Bible than in earlier years. We are confronted by the problem of facing an educated, skeptical and atheistic world. To successfully defend the truths of the Bible and the reality of Christianity, we must have some knowledge of the scripture and other important factors.

We notice 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are commanded by the Word of God to study so that we may be able to efficiently explain the Word of God in the face of a gainsaying people. This is a necessary element in this age of false and delusive doctrines. People are wanting the true gospel, those who are honest-hearted; and others are being driven away because of false teachers. God forbid that we have any of these in the Church of God, but we know they exist in the world and are the cause of many going to destruction.

We, the Church of God, are to take to all the world the true gospel, so why not prepare now, young men and women, because you are the Church of tomorrow.

We must notice another important factor in preparing for success—that of being endued with power from above. We must have the power of the Holy Ghost in our lives to direct us, keep us safe from Satan's terrible pitfalls, and to make us a blessing to humanity. It was necessary for the apostles to have the power from on high to be a success for Christ and it will be necessary for us.

To be successful means to achieve favor or gain. We are working for the Master and are trying to win all the souls possible for Him. To do this we must be found in the center of God's will. No doubt when you were saved you promised God you would do His will. Are you keeping your vows? God expects us to work for Him. Now is the time to be preparing.

We notice Moses spent eighty years preparing for forty years of service in God's work. Numerous other Bible characters spent years in preparing for the work God had called them to enact. Christ spent thirty years preparing for a ministry of three years. Why shouldn't we prepare for the Master's service?

I am indeed thankful that we have a place to train for the Master's service without being contaminated with the world. We have teachers who are filled

with the Holy Ghost and they want God to direct the progress of the school. The teachers are men and women who are interested in the students' spiritual welfare. So if you are interested in preparing for God's service, this is the place to begin.—Geo. W. Ayers.

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### Friday Afternoon Service

Brother Aylor Padgett is conducting the service this afternoon. After singing two verses of the song, "In the Sweet By and By," Brother Padgett recalls to the memory of the students of last year the closing of school when the student body had to separate, and how hard it was to leave and part with some of the students whom he had learned to love dearly. Certainly there is a tie that binds the student body of this school together, and when the parting time comes sadness accompanies it, which all ex-students can comprehend.

The next song is an old favorite, "Jesus Hold My Hand." The deep thought of this song will not permit a holiness congregation to sing it and not feel the presence of the Holy Ghost. Likewise, the next song, "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In," after which prayer is called for and one of the students, Brother Beabe, leads in prayer.

The Freshman Girls' Quartet then sings a good song, "Over in Glory."

The first speaker is Brother Wroten Dunn of Illinois whose subject is "Faith and Its Results." His scripture lesson is found in 2 Tim. 4:2-8. He cites to us some adverse circumstances under which some Bible characters found themselves and by faith and through faith in God they were all delivered in a marvelous way.

The Burnett sisters sing next the song "The Glory Did Roll and the Blessing Came In."

The second speaker is Mae Fowler of Alabama who expresses in the beginning her appreciation of the faculty of the school. Her subject is "Keep That Which is Committed to Thy Trust." Touchingly she brings out the necessity of keeping that which God has committed to our trust. She points out the fact that Paul in his letters to Timothy gave him some important instructions as to how to carry out the work of the Lord. Timothy was faithful to the trust committed to him.

The third speaker is Sister Willie Mae Carroll of South Carolina. She points out the necessity of the young people living a life which would be an example to the world and the need of walking in the fear of the Lord and obeying strictly the commandments of God.

The Freshmen Girls' Quartet sings again the song, "Somewhere in Heaven

I'll Be Waiting for You."

The fourth speaker is Brother Bascom Stanley of Alabama. "Ever since I found the Lord and learned of the Bible School I have desired to be here. I have trusted the Lord for seven years and at last as an answer to prayer I am here in Bible School."

He uses for his subject "Life's Fruits." He points out the fact that every individual life is bearing some kind of fruit. "When God saved us He intended that we should bear fruits of righteousness and we should thereby prove to this world that we have learned of Jesus. We have to watch our lives closely in order to bear the right kind of fruit. Many people at first have a good experience but soon they let some little evil inclination lead them gradually away from God." He points out the fountain of the house of David as a remedy for uncleanness. He also declares that as long as a soul is under the blood of the Son of God the life thereof will bear the fruits of righteousness.

The Burnett Trio sings next a request song, "A Wayworn Traveler."

The last speaker, Brother Milligan, local pastor, gives us a good talk, after which he asks the Burnett Trio to sing "Daniel Prayed Every Morning, Noon and Night."

In conclusion Sister J. H. Walker pronounces the benediction.—Geo. H. Poole.

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### Northwest Bible and Music Academy

Another week has gone by and the promises of the Lord are just as sure as they were the day He gave them. He is still blessing His children and one more student received the baptism of the Holy Ghost since the last writing. That one was your correspondent and she testifies to the joy that the Lord gives. It is truly wonderful and nothing can take the place of the blessed Holy Spirit in one's life.

The Northwest Bible and Music Academy is progressing and the number of students has increased to forty. We now have a faculty of seven teachers and they are teaching a complete three-year Bible Course. There have been seven baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Some young people from quite a distance have written to our superintendent desiring information about the school, and we want everyone to know that we have a Bible School to be proud of, considering the handicaps which we have had to overcome.

The Church of God Bible Schools are doing a great work. Each year they are sending out students to preach the gospel and lead lost souls to Christ. If you are

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## Reports

### Jesus is All the World to Me

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif.—Dear saints, I thank and praise our blessed Savior for all His wonderful blessings that He has bestowed upon me and for the way He has kept me thus far. Praise His precious name. Sometimes the hard trials seem more than we can bear, but His grace is sufficient, and every test finds me one round higher up the shining way to heaven. Jesus is all this world to me. Oh, how I love Him tonight, I would not take a million dollars for my experience, the precious Holy Ghost can give us comfort and peace when all else fails.

We are here in this beautiful but wicked city of Los Angeles, Calif. There are only a few Church of God members here. They are planning to establish a church in Los Angeles soon.

Dear ones, pray that God will work in a mighty way and many precious souls will be saved here. Pray for my loved ones back in Georgia that they will get saved. Pray for my entire healing. My body is still weak.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. L. V. Sturm, 6228 1-2 Cottage St.

### Having Good Services

MYRTLEWOOD, Ala.—A little over two years ago now the enemy was coming at our church so strong I would have people at different times to tell me that the holiness church was about dead or maybe they would say, "It doesn't seem like there is much to that holiness crowd. It's about dead." I would say, "No, it might seem that way but I don't feel like it will ever die. God will take hold on that, for this Church is built on a firm foundation." I just felt like God would take hold again if we members would just hold on to what He had been so merciful to show us, and prove to Him we really wanted to do His will.

It came before me and would stay on my mind to write to the Evangel and ask God's people everywhere to pray for our church over here at Half Acre. I had asked God in my prayers ever since I got salvation to watch over every member and help each one of us to really live this thing before people and cause the church to rise and shine that many lost souls who were watching its every move might understand this plan of salvation, which Church of God people claim and have the Bible to back us in it. Oh, how I want people to understand before it is

too late.

Well not long after my letter appeared in the Church of God Evangel Brother Julius Williamson of Sunny South, Ala. was sent to pastor the church and with his wife to assist him they have done much to build up our church. They sing well and Brother Williamson picks a guitar which means much in the services.

We have a good Sunday School Sunday afternoons, a Y. P. E. program at 6:30 Sunday evening, after which Brother Williamson gives out an inspiring message from God's Word which is food for the soul.

We are launching out trying to do more for God. A church house has been erected this fall, not completed yet, but we still ask God to watch over this. We are having lively services in the building, people are coming out to hear God's Word preached in its fullness, so you people who have been praying for us, always remember to pray for the people over here, there's lots to be done yet.

Now the power of the Holy Ghost is strong at this church. We enjoy good services. We live at Sweetwater, Ala., about eleven miles from church now and go as often as we can.

Pray for me that every minute of my life might be pleasing to God, for I don't feel like God's children have any time to waste. There are so many precious souls who have been deceived about the Holy-Ghost-plan of salvation. I don't want to stand before God having failed to do everything I could to cause people to get close enough to God. It hurts me so to think of how people are standing off and won't accept a salvation that it is going to take to stand for God as the time goes on. Just like Noah pleaded with people to heed God when he was building the ark and people would not hear him, so God has sent Holy-Ghost-filled people around to plead with people today and warn them of what is coming and people for all this will not heed God's warning. Pray for me.—Mrs. Edward Breckenridge, Jr.

### Hearts Made Glad by the Presence of the Lord

GAINESVILLE, Ga.—Dear readers, I praise the Lord for what He is to me. He has done so much for me. I praise Him for our good pastor, Brother John T. Duckett, for his coming to Gainesville to feed the little flock. He has done some wonderful preaching since he has been here. We had a revival and he did the preaching. Many souls were blessed and the church has been revived. Sunday night in our regular service four were saved and one filled with the Holy

Ghost. All our hearts were made glad by the presence of the Lord that we could feel in our souls. Praise His dear name! Two have been added to the Church.

We surely like our pastor, he is a real man of God and preaches with power and wisdom of the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School has been built up and we have good attendance since Brother Duckett came here. We are just getting along fine by the help of the Lord.

Pray much for us here that the church will grow and shine for Jesus and that we will all be ready to meet Him when He comes. I am looking for Him soon.—Your brother in Christ, G. E. Williams, clerk, Rt. 3.

### Small Churches Need Help and Encouragement

MT. GAY, W. Va.—Dear saints, I have just closed a revival at the church at Ethel, W. Va. Saints, I ask you to pray and fast for the place of Ethel, it surely needs the help of the Christians and a great stirring-up from the God of heaven. I know there are many precious souls there who need God. Saints, please visit there, send up prayers for the place. God can and will give great success there if we take it to Him in our prayers. Listen, we are too slack in performing our duty concerning visiting the little churches which need our help and assistance so much. You know what I mean, don't you? Not only just Ethel, but give help to all the little churches that need help.

Pray for me to be humble and obedient to God. Let me hear from those who desire to write me.—Your brother in Christ, W. Haskell Compton, evangelist.

### Needy Place for Revival

CROSSES, Ark.—Dear Evangel family, greeting. I am a member of the Church of God at Mt. Zion, Ark. I haven't heard a Church of God sermon for over a year but have been to church quite a bit at other holiness meetings. I would like for some good evangelist to come by this way and give us a meeting here, as the people don't know much about true holiness here.

If Brother Odis Smith chances to read this, please write to me, as sometime in the future we would like to have an old-time holiness meeting here at Crosses, Ark. If any Church of God evangelist would like to hold a meeting in the northwestern part of Arkansas, let me hear from you and we will try to arrange for a meeting.

I thank the Lord for an experience with the Lord that is still holding good.—Thomas Cooper, Crosses, Ark.



### God Always Blesses Just at the Right Time

PULASKI, Va.—Dear saints, please pray for us here at Pulaski, we are in a battle for God and the great Church of God. We love the Church and are willing, if necessary, to give our life for it as Jesus did, but we need your prayers. We want to win the victory for Him and the Church.

If it were not for the hope that we have in Him and the wonderful blessings that He bestows upon us, we wouldn't be able to make it, but God always blesses just at the right time.

We are having some wonderful services, God is blessing, we are having good attendance, and surely some of the best people in the world live here, who are standing for the right in spite of the enemy.

We thank the people for the words of praise through the Evangel for our services during our trip to the Assembly, and if it is ever so we can, we will be glad to stop with you again. Any Church of God preacher or member who passes through Pulaski, Va. and would like to stop and give us a lift, you will be welcomed and appreciated.—Humbly, W. I. Bass, pastor and district pastor, Box 375.

### Happy in His Service

ADA, Okla.—Dear saints everywhere, I praise the blessed Lord for this opportunity and for the little paper, for through its pages we can let our light shine. I have been saved eight years, praise God. I moved out and Jesus moved in. I have been through some dark valleys since I started, I have felt sin's breakers dashing against my very soul, the enemy's afflictions heaped up on my body.

Last August my body broke down. Two doctors X-rayed me and pronounced me with T. B. Preparation began to be made for me at a sanatorium. I went one morning for a final examination and was so weak I fainted at the hospital. I was taken to a friend's home who had great faith in God.

The doctor was to call me in something like thirty minutes. While we waited we began to pray, anointed my body with oil and kept praying. Suddenly, praise His wonderful name, we touched the hem of His garment. Strength came into my poor, weak body and I danced before the Lord with all my might. When I came back to naturalness, I was clapping my poor old hands and saying, "Oh, He has healed me, He has healed me." Well, it was fine. Glory. In just a few minutes the telephone rang. I rushed to the telephone without even

thinking it could be someone else and said, "I don't need you." The doctor said, "What's happened?" I said, "The power of God came down." He just hung up the receiver.

I am still trusting and clinging to His promise. I know this world is not my home but it is a real place to get ready to go home, for the Word says, My people are a tried people. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which are to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you. Just get a tight hold on God; let's go through with Him.

I surely thank God for the Church of God in Ada, Okla. and all the dear, true saints here, and for Brother and Sister Schneidmueller. They surely stood true to God and we just walked in the light. Now on Fifth and Townsend in Ada you will find a nice building built for the sole purpose of God's people to worship Him in in Spirit and in truth. We have a new pastor now to start the new year off, Brother Curtsinger. We all think he is a very good preacher and a good man; we are thankful for him and his family.

The W. M. B. is busy making our payments right along on our building. Everyone is happy. Pray for us that we will go forward.—Your sister in the Lord, Essie Bell Shamlee, 125 W. 8th St.

### District Ministers' Meeting

The Hattiesburg, Miss. district ministers' meeting convened at the Church of God in Hattiesburg, Jan. 3 with an all-day service and dinner. The service began at 9:45 a. m. with a good song service well seasoned with prayer, then a short Sunday School lesson taught by each teacher.

This was followed by another good song and prayer service. After this came the welcome address by the pastor and the Lord surely smiled on this part of the service by letting His children feel the good waves of glory as they would swoop down into our presence to make us feel the warmhearted welcome that the Hattiesburg people have for the truth and the children of God. After this came the response by the different ministers and others who were called upon which proved a great blessing. Then came time for the 11:00 o'clock message which our able and esteemed state overseer gave us, using for a subject "Church Government." It is needless to try to explain how wonderful our dear Lord did bless and help Brother Godwin in this message, and I am sure it was light and a source of inspiration to the church people. Many of them are yet speaking of that service. After this came

the benediction after which the table was prepared just at the rear of the church. A nice dinner was spread and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon service began at 2:15 with song and prayer. Then the district pastor called the house to order and announced the recommendations of the state ministers' meeting, after which the recommendations were read and questions were asked and answered. This seemed to be a great blessing. All the ministers feel like they can put their program over. This part of the service lasted until 3:30 p. m.

We were then blessed with an old-time testimony and praise service led by Brother Mitchell, and oh, how the power of the Lord did come down. There was shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues and rejoicing mingled with tears of gladness for our dear Lord's goodness. Then came time to say good-bye as some had to go but numbers stayed for the evening service.

We were in a revival at this time and the largest crowd that has attended was there that night. There is a real revival spirit here despite the adverse weather conditions and many seekers are pouring out their hearts to God for mercy and pardon. Truly the harvest is plenteous and reapers few. Pray for us that great things may be accomplished for the Lord.—D. W. Mills, district pastor, Hattiesburg, Miss.

### Started to Make Heaven My Home

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—Dear saints, I thank God for a chance to testify for Jesus for I have been redeemed by His precious blood. I am so glad I ever found Him and got humble enough to take up the cross and follow Him. I thank Him because I am saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost. I have no desire for the things of this world. Praise God. I have started to make heaven my home.

We thank God for our good, humble pastor, Brother John Newton, and his good wife. He really feeds our souls. God wonderfully blesses our church here. Our Sunday School is also moving along fine; we have a good attendance and a very good superintendent, Brother John H. Combs. He is one hundred per cent Church of God. We love and appreciate him.

I desire the prayers of all the children of God. It is my desire to be in the great meeting in the air. We have several seeking for the Holy Ghost. Please pray that they will receive the blessing and God will continue to bless us.—Your brother in Christ, Ancy Baker.

### Worked Faithfully in Getting Building

ST. GEORGE, W. Va.—Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for our church here at St. George, W. Va. that it will rise and shine for God and His glory.

We had our first Sunday School and first evangelistic services last Sunday in our new church. We have our building about complete except the painting, and it is all paid for with the exception of about fifteen dollars, for which we give the Lord all the praise.

Our dear pastor, Brother A. N. Jackson, certainly did work faithfully, donating time and means for the building of our church, also some of the brothers and others donated time and means, for which we are thankful. We have prayed and planned until the Lord has given us a good place to worship which we can call our own.

We are planning on holding a revival soon. Please pray that many souls will be saved and brought into the Church of God. The church is certainly blessed here with a wonderful pastor. He preaches the Bible in the good old way, rightly divided, and he also lives the life just like he preaches the Word.

Please pray for our pastor that he will ever stay in the Lord's will, also pray that the Lord will continue to bless the writer.  
—Silas D. Smith, clerk.

### God Will and Does Answer Prayer

I request that all saints pray for the church at Cumberland, Ky. I have been burdened for the dear people of Cumberland. It is time that we spend more time on our knees in prayer to God in behalf of the unsaved and the weaker churches.

The attendance in Sunday School at the Cumberland church had dropped to from twenty to thirty-four. They reorganized and put me in as superintendent, so I spent most of last week in prayer asking God for at least fifty in our classes for our first Sunday. Well, praise God, God answered my prayers and gave us five extra, fifty-five in all, more than one hundred per cent increase over the Sunday before. If we live and be Church of God, whatsoever we ask we will receive. Praise God. Let's not disband this church just because it is weak, as some are talking of having done, but let's pray that God will wake up the people.

Now saints, I beg you to go down on your knees in prayer for this church and the sinner folks of Cumberland, Ky. They are surrounded with open saloons, dance halls, picture shows, etc. It is a

mining town of a few thousand.

We have an able pastor, one we all love. He is a God-sent man, Brother L. A. Richard. He is pastor of both our church here at Lynch and at Cumberland. Though he is weak in body, yet he is strong in the Spirit. Let us saints here support him in his great work. And don't forget to pray for our Sunday School at Cumberland, Ky. and the revival that began Jan. 6.—A brother and member in Christ, Richard Harris, Box 746, Lynch, Ky.

### Reports Victory Over Sin

CHRISTIAN, W. Va.—Dear readers, I am glad and thankful this morning that I can report victory over sin. I have a determination in my heart to do a greater work for my Lord this coming year than I have in the past.

We thank the dear Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Christian. We have a wonderful Sunday School for which we give God the thanks and praise. There were 216 present on the 26th of December, 1937. The Local Union donated the Church of God \$15.00 for a treat fund, also one of the neighboring merchants, an unsaved man, gave a nice treat. Surely God was in the arrangements. Praise His dear name.

Our Y. P. E. is progressing nicely. We put on a real nice program Christmas Eve in the name of Jesus. The young folks seemed to be greatly encouraged and willing to work for the Lord.

Please pray for the church here that each member will get to his post of duty and do as God would have him do, and by so doing help our good pastor carry the burdens of the church in this new year.

Our pastor, Brother Van Browning, set a watch meeting on the last night of the old year, which lasted until 12:00 p. m., ending with sacrament and feet washing. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

I covet your prayers, one and all, that I may be found faithful until Jesus comes or calls.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Elsie Lester.

### Faith and Loyalty Brought Revival

Sister Helen L. Morrow, who is doing evangelistic work in South Carolina this year, stopped over with us at Ware Shoals on December 12 and for three weeks conducted, by the help of the Lord, one of the best revivals ever held in this town. Forty-six were saved, seventeen added to the church and twenty-two baptized in water on New Year's Day. The revival spirit is still with us, four being saved the night following the close

of the revival.

With only thirty-eight members at the beginning of the meeting, the Christmas season on and part of the mill running short time, the evangelist was given one hundred dollars, her coworker twenty-three dollars and the pastor received seventy-one dollars as a love offering. Hallelujah and praise God for the loyal members and friends of the Ware Shoals Church of God. The humble servant of God, who is endeavoring by His grace to serve as pastor, is not worthy of mention, but the King I serve is worthy and His Church that bears His name in Ware Shoals is on the map.—H. L. Hunt, Box 343, Ware Shoals, S. C.

### Encouraged to Press On

BAYARD, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, we feel greatly encouraged to press on and hope this will be the best year of our lives.

We have a good church building and a good band of saints and most everyone seems to have a mind to work. We thank God for Brother and Sister E. O. Sells who were sent here to Bayard, W. Va. to be our pastor for this year. They are fine people and are wonderful in bringing the Word, and the Lord surely blesses.

The Sunday School is the best here it has ever been. The Y. P. E. is taking on new life and the prayer meetings are good too. The watch meeting was wonderful.

We had a revival here the last of November and the first of December and we feel like there was a lot of good accomplished. There have been several touched for the healing of their body. Pray for us.—Yours in Christ, Z. H. Moon, clerk.

### Thank God for Our Church at Ft. Towson, Okla.

FT. TOWSON, Okla. — We thank God for our Church of God here at Ft. Towson. Also we thank the Lord for sending us Brother E. T. Glaze, pastor of our church. He has established a Church of God here and the Lord is really blessing us. We thank the Lord for it.

Brother Glaze is really feeding his flock and they are standing by him. We mean to do more in 1938 than in 1937 if it is God's will. He also organized a Booster Band which has twenty-five members. Most of them have been saved since he organized and they can certainly sing. Our Willing Workers are few but faithful and doing wonderful works.

We ask the saints of God to pray that He will bless us and our work will grow. We know God is able if we will just trust Him.—Mrs. Alma Crouch, clerk, Box 172.

## REVIVALS

**BONNE TERRE, Mo.**—We just closed a successful three weeks' meeting. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Eleven were converted, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly revived and built up. A fine fellowship is existing among the saints. Our Sunday School attendance has increased about twenty-five. Five were added to the church. Brother Lee Holdman did the preaching. Brother Holdman is one of our home boys. He is only twenty-two years old but has a good delivery and preaches the Word in its fullness with power and demonstration of the Spirit. He is greatly loved by the saints and sinners here. Please pray that God will bless all the churches on this district. We are looking forward to a good year for the state of Missouri. We appreciate our state overseer, Brother H. L. Marcum. He has the work on his heart and is working faithfully over the state among the smaller churches, rundown places and in new fields. Surely God will reward his efforts.—Your servant, John O. Yates, district overseer.

**ACCOVILLE, W. Va.**—We just closed a revival at the Church of God at Lax, W. Va. with Sister Norma L. Miller as evangelist. Brother W. C. Edgell is our pastor and a humble man of God. Three were saved, one reclaimed, two sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the Church of God. I praise the Lord for giving me the Holy Ghost during this revival. I have been seeking Him for almost six years. I want those who have prayed for me to receive Him to know that their prayers have been answered.—Wm. Lavender, Box 90.

**ALMA, Ga.**—The Church of God was blessed with a wonderful revival at Mt. Zora conducted by Brother Kato. The dear Lord blessed wonderfully all through the revival. Five were saved, one sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for our church here to rise and shine for the Lord. If there ever was a time we needed to pray, it is now, for I feel the coming of the Lord is at hand. We pray to have Brother Kato back again. May God bless him in his work. Also pray for me to be an overcomer for the Lord. Pray for my husband and two children to be saved before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lester Johnson.

**STANFIELD, N. C.**—The Church of

God at Providence is still praising God for the wonderful revival He blessed us with a short time ago conducted by our good pastor, Brother W. D. Lowder. He did some real preaching, rather the Holy Ghost did through him. The presence and power of God was felt in every service. Thank the Lord. Sixteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and eleven added to the church, for which we praise the Lord. The Lord saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost some very young children, and some fifty years old or more. Our God is able to do great things. Bless His name.

We praise God for our good pastor and his wife; they have meant so much to us. Please pray for us that God will continue to bless. Pray for my family and pray a special prayer for my husband that he will stand true.—A sister in Christ, Bessie Barbee.

**HARRISBURG, Ill.**—We just closed a two and a half weeks' revival at the church in Harrisburg, Ill. The evangelist was Brother Russel Berry of Alvin, Ill. Twenty were added to the church. God blessed the meeting in a precious way. Many were healed for which we are praising God.—A. T. Utley, pastor, 416 W. Sloan.

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.**—I praise our blessed Savior for the way He blessed us here in a revival conducted by our beloved pastor, Brother J. R. Sanders. Several were saved and sanctified and the saints were blessed. The waves of glory would sweep the congregation. People would fall on the floor under the mighty power of God. The Holy Ghost would sing through some of the saints while others were dancing under the mighty power of God. One sister went over to the heatrola, took some coals of fire out and handled them successfully before all the people. Three were added to the church. The revival closed Sunday night, Dec. 26, with several in the altar. Pray for us here that we will ever be doing the Lord's will.—A sister in the Church of God, Clara Hagewood, sec. of Sunday School.

**ELBERT, W. Va.**—We have just closed a successful revival at Elbert, W. Va. with Brother Harry L. Powell doing the preaching. Eleven were saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Brother Powell is a fine preacher and a faithful worker.—Roy Parsons, clerk, Box 141.

## BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

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looking for something to do, support the

Bible Schools in every way you can and especially in your prayers.—School Correspondent, Henrietta Sanders, Box 574, Lemmon, S. Dak.

## State Conventions

Below are given the dates of the various state and territorial conventions. The overseer will arrange the place of meeting.

We have studied carefully the requests of all the overseers, and have granted as far as possible the requests. Some, of course, vary a week or two, as it is impossible to grant all the conventions at the time requested, since the Assembly will be much earlier and the convention season has been somewhat shortened. Our state overseers invariably asked for an entire week-end for their convention. Therefore, we have endeavored to do the best, it seems, in arranging this program. I hope it will meet with your approval. Pray much that God will wonderfully bless in the conventions this year.

~~January 21-23—California, Arizona, Nevada, Huntington Beach, Calif.~~

~~January 20-23—Bahama Islands.~~

~~Date to be supplied—Washington, Oregon, Idaho.~~

~~February 11-13—Haiti.~~

~~February 18-20—Jamaica.~~

~~Date to be supplied—Nebraska.~~

~~March 17-20—Illinois.~~

~~April 13-20—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.~~

~~May 5-8—Indiana.~~

~~May 12-15—Iowa.~~

~~May 19-22—Missouri.~~

~~May 19-22—Ohio.~~

~~May 26-29—North Carolina.~~

~~June 2-5—South Carolina.~~

~~June 9-12—Virginia.~~

~~June 9-12—Florida.~~

~~June 16-19—Mississippi.~~

~~June 16-19—West Virginia.~~

~~June 23-25—Minnesota.~~

~~June 23-25—Michigan, Lake Odessa.~~

~~June 28-July 1—North Dakota.~~

~~June 30-July 3—Tennessee.~~

~~July 7-10—New Mexico.~~

~~July 7-10—Maryland.~~

~~July 14-17—Oklahoma.~~

~~July 14-17—Georgia.~~

~~July 21-24—Kansas.~~

~~July 21-24—Alabama.~~

~~July 28-31—Texas.~~

~~July 28-31—Kentucky.~~

~~August 4-7—Pennsylvania.~~

~~August 4-7—Louisiana.~~

~~August 11-14—Maine.~~

Arkansas desires convention during camp meeting, the date of which is not set at this time.

Start now praying, working and believing that this will be the greatest year in the history of the Church.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



## Requests

I request prayer for a complete deliverance from a nervous condition which seems like nervous prostration in a minor stage and a form of neuritis. I wish to be healed according to His divine plan and purpose and for His glory and will appreciate the prayers of all saints. I surrendered my time and strength to God direct in His service, obeying the call He gave me over ten years ago, and desire to spend the rest of my life as He may lead. I trust Him for healing and for the providing of my needs—spiritual and temporal. To any who may wish to know my address, it is 625 E. 13th St., Charlotte, N. C. I will be glad to answer any inquiry concerning a change in my condition, if anyone feels you would like to know of the results of prayer for me.—Anita Faye Cree.

Pray a special prayer for the Church of God in Carrollton, Ga. The devil is trying his best to tear it up.—Savannah Samples, Carrollton, Ga.

Please pray for my daughter, who the doctors say has a tumor of the brain and will have to have an operation. Pray that the Lord will heal her without an operation. Fast and pray for her if you feel led. Also pray for my unsaved husband that he will begin to think about his soul. Pray for our little church here at Brewstertown that it will rise and shine, also pray for our pastor that the Lord will bless him in the work here, and remember me in prayer that I'll stay true and be ready when Jesus comes.—Mrs. Byrd Monday, Brewstertown, Tenn.

Saints, pray much that God will completely heal our bodies. Also pray for our little eleven-year-old daughter, Evelyn. She has a weak heart and has weak, dizzy, nervous spells and is very delicate. Pray that her body will be healed.—Mrs. R. J. Stokes, St. George, Ga.

I desire your prayers for the healing of my body and for the work here which is growing every day. The Lord certainly is blessing in our services and we will soon be in position to start our new church building. We are looking forward to a better work this year. We need your prayers.—Sister L. M. Smith, 1906 Carswell Ave., Waycross, Ga.

I have a sister very low with cancer and I request special prayer for her healing.—Aultie Stone, Avondale, W. Va.

Pray for me, I am afflicted in body and have hardly been able to do my work or go to church for over two weeks. Pray for me to have more faith and for my husband to be healed of a bad cold.—Your sister in Christ, Ruby Moore, R. F. D. 1, Cherry Valley, Ark.

We have received many letters from those who listen to our radio broadcast over WSBC, Chicago, Ill., every Wednesday from 11:00-12:00 p. m. Two have been saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Others are encouraged to seek the Lord. Will you please help us pray that God will make it possible for us to stay on the air? Don't pass this up, but ask God to help us. We feel that these broadcasts are proving a blessing to our listeners—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, 2221 W. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois.

Please pray that God will heal my body. I don't know what the trouble is but He does. Also pray that my little girl's mouth will be healed. If you feel led to send me an anointed handkerchief or write me, do so.—Your sister in the Lord, Euline Lee, clerk, 1605 5th Ave., S., Decatur, Ala.

Please pray for the little church at Tribbey, Ky. The devil is fighting us but God is blessing. Pray for my home that God will save my boys and girls.—Your sister in Christ, Nora Strong, Tribbey, Ky.

Please pray for my husband who has T. B. and is in a serious condition. Also pray for our little boy, he is in a bad condition.—Mrs. L. G. Sims, Rt. 2, Cleveland, Miss.

A revival is in progress at Bessemer City, N. C. The leader, Frances L. Dekle, requests prayer. Please take this on your heart and pray.—Laura Chasteen, B. T. S.

I request all Christians to earnestly pray for some unspoken requests. God knows all things. Pray until your prayers go through.—Cleo Montgomery, York, S. C.

Please pray that God will save my husband and that I can get out in the work that I may help win souls for God. Also pray for my little girl.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Max W. Benge.

Please pray for my companion that the Lord will save his soul. He says he is lost and wants all to pray for him. Pray until your prayers go through. Pray for my father that he may see the way of holiness. Also pray for my brother-in-law and his father.—Irene Pickett, Rt.

1, Whitwell, Tenn.

The Church of God at 1716 Lincoln Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill. began a revival Jan. 9 with Brother M. G. Swarts doing the preaching. The first night there were five at the altar. Please pray for us here. We have a fine band of saints here and are expecting great things from God.—Your humble brother, G. W. Messer, pastor, 1713 Gross Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

Dear saints please pray that the Lord will completely heal my eyes. They almost go out at times. He healed them once but I didn't keep my promise to Him so they have begun hurting me again. He also healed me of nervousness and that has begun to bother me again. Please pray that He will forgive me and completely heal me. Pray for our church here at New Georgia.—Your sister in Christ, Eron Bennett, Rt. 2, Addison, Ala.

Dear saints, I am suffering with high blood pressure and heart trouble. Please pray much for me that the Lord will heal me.—Florice Brown, Rt. 1, Selma, N. C.

Please have special prayer for me. I am very sick, also afflicted. The Lord can heal, I know. I have been healed many times. Have all the churches pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Myrtle McKinney, Stephenson, W. Va.

I request prayer for two deaf and dumb girls, little Eleanor Cox of Bascom, Fla. and Clyde Williams of Iron City, Ga. Saints, take this request to God in earnest prayer. It would be such a blessing if they could hear and talk. Fast for them if you will. I am not a Christian but I am a firm believer in the Church of God, so pray a special prayer for me and mine.—A friend, Donalsonville, Ga.

Please pray for me that I will be healed, I am afflicted in my body. I fully trust Him. Pray that I will have more power with the Lord. Pray for my three unsaved boys that they may be freed from the awful habit of drinking. Please fast and pray with me for these lost souls that they will be saved before it is too late. Pray for our church that it will grow and prosper and be a church that is pleasing in the sight of God.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Callie Bryant, Middle Creek Church of God, Cosby, Tenn. Rt. 2.

I have a wart on my nose; please pray that the Lord will remove it.—Your sister in Christ, Venela Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

Dear Evangel readers, I am happy to report that I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides. I am still trusting the Lord for the healing of my body but I am in need of your prayers for the healing of my gums and eyes. I have pyorrhea of the gums and it is getting bad. If God doesn't undertake my teeth may come out. My eyes are very weak. Please don't pass this up but pray hard. Call my name in prayer for them.

Brother Pinion is back in B. T. S. again this term. It surely means a lot to him. The churches at Mt. Olive and Bancroft are doing fine. The Lord very often takes charge of the services and they don't even need a preacher. The Lord is all we need.—Your sister in Christ, Bessie Pinion, Cleveland, Tenn.

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Please pray for our little church here, for our dear pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Swain, and pray that my children will be saved soon.—Your sister in Christ, Minnie Forenan, Edgewood, Tex.

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We are in deep distress here at Morley, Tenn. Will someone come to our rescue? Men and women are dying without God and others are perishing. There are many people here who believe in the Church of God and this would be a good place to set a church in order. I will do my best to take care of anyone who will come here and hold a revival for us. Will someone who reads this come and help us? We can't afford to be lost. You who are working for the Lord will do well to come here. Everybody who knows the Lord and wants lost ones saved, pray for us and come and help these dying souls.—Mrs. Adam Davis, Morley, Tenn.

### Trusting the Lord For Healing of Eyes

ALLIGATOR, Miss.—Dear saints everywhere, greetings. This beautiful sunny morning I can't begin to thank the Lord enough for what He has been doing for me. He has been so merciful and good to me in so many ways.

I praise Him for victory in my soul just now, He is my all in all. Bless His name forever. I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me several times. I am trusting Him now with my eyes as there is a growth on them. The eye specialist said unless I had them operated on I would be blind in a few months. I had my eyes tested and purchased a pair of spectacles according to specification and wore them about one month but my eyes seemed to get worse all the time.

During this time the dear Lord made it possible for me to go to the Assembly.

While there I had Brother L. G. Rouse pray for my eyes and anoint me a handkerchief which I have been wearing in the name of Jesus ever since. My eyes have bothered me but very little. Praise our God forever. I took the spectacles back to the optician as I gave him \$22.00 for them under a guarantee or money back, and as I have already said, my eyes got worse all the time I wore them. I know it was not the Lord's will for me to have them as I have trusted Him with my body since I got the blessing. I know He wants me to trust Him with my eyes. Too, I know He is an operator as well as a healer, as He performed the first operation. He is just the same today, has the same power, will perform the same marvelous things as in days of old, if we will only let Him. Bless His dear name.

I covet the prayers of the saints for a complete restoration of my eyesight if it is the dear Lord's will. I know He can rebuke the growth on my eyes. Pray for me that my faith may increase daily as I want to be an overcomer for Jesus. I have not been in services since the Assembly as it is twenty-eight miles to the closest Church of God and that is Joseph Chapel, Cleveland, Miss., at which church I hold membership.

Saints, there is a wonderful band of workers here at Alligator, Miss. where I live. I am the only member of the dear old Church of God and it seems a bit lonely here at times as the evil is so great. I am really tested but I find Jesus here ready to help in time of need. Glory to God. I can feel His sweet presence now. I find Him ready to comfort in everything. Praise the Lord. He said He would never leave nor forsake us. He has always been true to me. Oh, how sweet it is to be alone with Jesus where we can talk with Him about our trials and thank Him for His blessings. The sweetest place on earth is in some secret grove where angels seem to hover near and joy overflows the soul. I find it to be the place to conquer sin and revive a troubled soul. We can gather power over death and feel the glory waves as they roll. Praise the name of Jesus.

Sister Maud Ellen Hight, if you see this, write me again. Your card got misplaced and I have forgotten your route. Your card was of interest to me. Encouraging letters from anyone will be sweet to me. I ask the prayers of all of God's children for my unsaved family and husband. Remember me as a weak, humble sister in Christ who needs your prayers.—Mrs. Willie Barrentine, Box 184.

### A Word of Praise

We thank everyone who prayed for our

little boy, Ruel McCoye, who was so ill during the Christmas holidays. Most of all we praise the God in whom we trust and serve for healing him.

We mailed a request and handkerchief to our son, Marvin, who is in B. T. S. and when the handkerchief came back he was much better and is well today. The faithful pastor, his wife and saints of the church here stood by us with their prayers and assistance.

Don't forget to remember us as you pray.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. T. L. Little, Washington, N. C.

### My Soul is Happy

I praise Jesus this morning, He's so real to me. I just want every one to know what the Lord did for me. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in December, the greatest Christmas gift I ever received. My oldest son was saved and got the baptism also. My soul is so happy for what Jesus did for my family, for His healing power, for the great joy and peace He gives the one who follows Him. My husband's health was very bad last winter and spring but since the last of April and May he has been so much better. I am glad I ever learned this good way.

I suppose some of the dear saints will remember writing me such wonderful letters. I lived in Memphis, Tenn. at the time. I got several but I've almost forgotten their names. I hope you will remember me and I know God heard your prayers. I received a letter from a Miss Lillian Springer of Texas; God bless you for the sweet, encouraging letter you wrote me that helped me over the rugged way. Write me if you see this. I received a letter from a lady in Maryland also.

We closed a revival a few weeks ago here in Greenville. Several were saved, one received the baptism. The Lord surely poured out His Spirit during the meeting. It was conducted by Brother Flowers.

I was healed eight years ago when the doctor left me to die. Brother Suggs lived at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. at the time. He came and prayed for me. I was instantly healed. I'll never forget the wonderful words they read, the sweet song they sang. They read James 5. I wasn't even saved, didn't get saved in over a year, but God's Word is so true. I just want to go farther with Him than I've ever gone.

I ask the prayers of all the saints for my husband. He is not saved. Also pray for my whole family.—Mrs. Sam Trapp, Greenville, Texas.

A minister is like the doctor—he cannot always tell what is the matter with a person the first visit.

## Desolation of the Earth

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I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord." Read Jeremiah 23:1-12, "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and your dispersions are accomplished, and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape," Jeremiah 24:34, 35.

Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see they have rebelled against the author of all just and righteous law. The setting aside of the divine precepts gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error. No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever—eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talent and eloquence now see these things in their true light. They realize what they have forfeited by transgression, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God had loved them.

The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things, they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. Now in their despair these teachers confess before the world their work of deception, the multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost," they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin," and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them, the very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people, are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed.

Jeremiah 25:31, "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord."

The Son of God and His heavenly messengers have been in conflict with the powers of the evil one, to warn, enlighten, and to save the children of man. Now all have made their decisions; the wicked have fully united with Satan and his warfare against God. The time

has come for God to vindicate the authority of His downtrodden law. Now the controversy is not alone with Satan, but with men. "The Lord hath a controversy with the nations." "He will give them that are wicked to the sword."

The mark of the deliverance has been set upon those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done."

Now the angel of death goes forth represented in Ezekiel's vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given, "Slay utterly old and young, both maids and little children and women, but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary," says the prophet. They began at the ancient men which were before the house. The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens and little children perish together. Ezekiel 9:1-6. "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 25:31. "The Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain," Isa. 26:21. "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor," Zech. 14:12, 13. "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground," Jeremiah 25:33. "Who to the rebellious children counsel, but not of me, and that cover with a covering but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin." "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty and maketh it waste, and turneth it up side down and scattereth around the inhabitants thereof." "The land shall be already emptied and utterly spoiled for the Lord has spoken this word. Because they have transgressed the law, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant, therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabi-

tants of the earth are burned."

Refer to our text: "For her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities."

John the Revelator foretells the banishment of Satan and the condition of desolation, and he declares that this condition will exist for a thousand years, after presenting the scenes of the Lord's second coming and the destruction of the wicked. The prophecy continues: "I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1.

The prophet Isaiah, looking forward to the time of Satan's overthrow, exclaims: "How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nation! Thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?" Isa. 14:12-17.

For about six thousand years Satan's work of rebellion has made the earth to tremble; "he has made the world as a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof." And "he opens not the house of his prisoners."

"The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited (Margin says found



wanting). Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." Isaiah 24:19-22.

All this is foreshadowed in prophecy. Satan summons all his forces and throws all his power into his combat. Why is it that he meets with no greater resistance? Why are the soldiers of Christ so sleepy? and why are they indifferent? Because they have so little real connection with Christ, because they are so destitute of His Spirit. They do not meet it as did Christ, with decisive and determined resistance. They do not realize the exceeding evil and malignity of sin, and they are blinded both to the character and the power of the prince of darkness.

There is little enmity against Satan and his works, because there is so great ignorance concerning his power and malice and the vast extent of his warfare against Christ and His Church. Multitudes are deluded here, they do not know that their enemy is a mighty general who controls the minds of evil angels and that with well matured plans and skillful movements he is warring against Christ to prevent the salvation of souls. Let us refer to our text, desolation of the earth, "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Rev. 18:5, "As wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice." Psalm 68:1, 2.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you." 2 Peter 3:11-15.

### God's Power is Falling

BENSON, N. C.—I praise God for the way He is blessing here at the Church of God near Benson, N. C. We are few in number but God's power is falling and the saints have the victory. We are expecting to have two or three revivals here before the Assembly. This is surely a ripe field with plenty of work to do for God. There are some new places around here

where the people don't know much about holiness, and we expect to run revivals at these places, D. V.

Please pray for us here that God will bless and save souls. If any good evangelist desires to come this way, please write us at Benson, N. C., Gen. Del.—Buford L. Vollrath, pastor.

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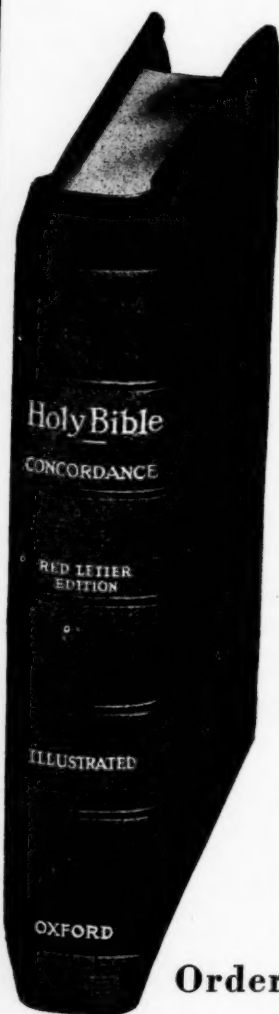
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